and a few miles short of the coast of Mumbai abandoned the fishing vessel, got into an inflatable rubber dinghy, and landed near Budhwar Park, Colaba, Mumbai between 8.00 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. on November 26, 2008.

(c) and (d) In the context of the terrorist attacks in Mumbai, Intelligence regarding the possibility of infiltration by a suspected LeT vessel through the sea route had been shared with the Coast Guard and the Navy. The coordinates of the vessel placed it well within the territorial waters of Pakistan. Efforts were nevertheless made by both of these organisations, including deploying vessels and aircraft in the zone, but in the absence of any further specific inputs or information, no further action could be taken on the basis of available information. Steps are being taken on a continuing basis to review and strengthen/streamline the arrangements and modalities for sharing of intelligence with, and operational coordination among various agencies and with the States. The matter has been further reviewed in the light of the recent terrorist attacks in Mumbai and steps are being taken to make the mechanisms for gathering and sharing of intelligence more effective and result oriented.

Informations on communal elements from States

†1782. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government recently urged State Governments to provide information on communal elements;

(b) if so, the time when this request was made and the reasons for request thistime round;

(c) whether information thereto has been received from State Governments; and

(d) if so, the names of the States and time and type of information furnished by them respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The request was made in November, 2008, as in the preceding few months, widespread communal tension and incidents of communal violence of varying intensities had been witnessed in different parts of the country.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

Pension to freedom fighters from Telangana region

†1783. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.